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## *LOUISVILLE DISTRICT*

### **McALPINE LOCKS AND DAM SCHEDULED LOCKAGES**

### **FOR RECREATIONAL CRAFT CALENDAR YEAR 2007**

### **OHIO RIVER MILE 606.8**

1. Commencing on May 30, 2007, and continuing through October 31, 2007, McAlpine Locks and Dam will provide scheduled lockages for recreational craft according to the following provisions:
  - a. During this period, recreational craft will be locked at the hours of 8:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. local time, on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. The included holidays are Memorial Day, Independence Day weekend (to include July 4) and Labor Day, (September 3).
  - b. As soon as the chamber is available, on or after the scheduled hour, one lockage of recreational craft in each direction will be made, if any recreational boat(s) have requested lockage.
  - c. Recreation craft shall notify the lock upon arrival, so the operator on duty is aware of the need for a scheduled recreation boat lockage. If no recreational boats have requested lockage by the scheduled times, lockage will continue according to normal procedures, as described below.
2. Exceptions:

High Water Periods. When the upper gauge of McAlpine is at 13 feet and rising, the U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Traffic System (VTS) goes into effect. During these periods, VTS directs the movement of river traffic between Twelve-Mile Island, Mile 593.0 and McAlpine Locks and Dam, Mile 606.8. McAlpine Lock will be operated as needed to most safely and efficiently accommodate the vessel traffic as directed by the VTS.

3. Lockages of recreational craft outside of these scheduled hours will be conducted according to normal procedures. In general, vessels are locked in order of arrival, except that commercial cargo tows have precedence for locking ahead of recreational craft. However, if the recreational craft cannot be locked within the time required for three other lockages, a separate lockage of recreational craft shall be made.

The statutory basis for these procedures is the “Regulations for Use, Administration, and Navigation, prescribed by the Secretary of the Army for Ohio River, Mississippi River above Cairo, Illinois, and their Tributaries”, also known as the “Blue Book”. This document can be found as Appendix E of the Navigation Notice 1-2007, which is available at the Internet site:

<http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/optm/article.asp?id=312>

